ENGINEERING WEBSITE FAQ'S

WORK IN PUBLIC STREETS AND RIGHT OF WAY

Generally, any work that is performed within City streets or the Public Right Of Way requires a Public Works Permit. For example:

- √ To build private improvements within the public right-of-way or within a public easement on, or adjacent to private property.
- √ To drive an oversized truck on City Streets.
- √ To have a dumpster on the street.
- √ To obtain special parking on a public street or in the public-right-of-way.

How do/can I.....

- Find information about the utilities in front of our property?
- Find out what I need to submit for a Public Works Permit? How long will it take to review/get a permit? What are the costs?
- Find Survey Benchmark information?
- Find plans for existing water/sewer/streets, etc.?
- Find information regarding construction work I see in the street?
- Request a water meter or an additional water meter to be installed?

For answers to the above questions, please call (805) 564-5388, or visit the Public Works front counter at 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA. Major Construction Projects are also identified on the Engineering Division's webpage located at http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Engineering

What is the status of my Public Works Permit? For Public Works and Building permits, visit the City's main webpage located at http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/ and click the link to "Find Permit Status" on the left side of the page, or call the Public Works Counter at (805) 564-5388.

When do I need a permit for traffic control? Traffic control is required whenever vehicular or pedestrian traffic will be affected by the conditions of construction, or any other activity causing a detour, re-routing, vehicle mix, or change in traffic volume.

Where do I get a permit for Special Events? Contact the Police Department Special Events Coordinator (currently Officer Scott Naganuma), and he will provide direction to you. The phone number is (805) 897-3747.

How do I locate my property line? Where or how can I find out if there are public easements on my property? The owner's Title Report and County Assessor Map information should provide illustrations. However, it varies from property to property. Maps, plans, and title reports must be examined on a case-by-case basis. To locate these, visit or call the Public Works front counter at (805) 564-5388 for assistance. To physically locate a property line, contact a licensed land surveyor, or visit your title company.

Is my street public or private? This requires a case-by-case review by City staff to locate existing Right-Of-Way documents. For information, call the main Engineering line at (805) 564-5363 and ask for "Real Property".

Where can I find the City's CAD standards? A link to the CAD Standards is on the Engineering webpage located at www.santabarbaraca.gov/Engineering

CITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Where do I find information about City Capital Improvement Projects currently in construction or being planned? The Engineering webpage, located at www.santabarbaraca.gov/Engineering, contains maps to the location of our current major construction projects, as well as projects in the Design phase. The map markers on the webpage contain additional information about each project and include contact information.

I'd like to bid on a City Capital Improvement construction project. Where do I find a list of upcoming projects? There is a Construction Bid Information link located on the Engineering website located at www.santabarbaraca.gov/Engineering

How can I be a plan holder? Where can I purchase plans or bid specifications for a specific Capital Improvement Project? Plans and specifications are available for viewing only (not purchase) at the Public Works Counter at 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA. You may purchase plans from Tri-Co Reprographics at 513 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, (805) 966-1701. At the time of purchase, you will be added to the Bidder's List. Plan and specification sets can also be obtained from Tri-Co Reprographics by faxing your request to (805) 966-9484.

Where can I view the bids for a Capital Improvement Project or the status of my bid? This information is available by using the Construction Bid Information link located on the Engineering website located at www.santabarbaraca.gov/Engineering

How do I get on the City's Construction Contractor list? City Capital Improvement Project contracts are advertised for bids as noted above. For City Maintenance and Repair contracts, contact the City's Purchasing Department at (805) 564-5349.

When will my street be repaved? The Engineering webpage contains the City's Pavement Maintenance Schedule by Zones, including a Zone Map. The webpage is located at www.santabarbaraca.gov/Engineering, or you can call (805) 564-5363 and ask for the Pavement Management Manager.